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polyethylenoxide, agar, agarose, starch, hydroxyethylcellulose and combinations and copolymers thereof.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-30 are in this case. Claims 1-25 have been rejected. Claims 26-30 have been allowed. Claim 15 has now been amended.

Claims Objection

The Examiner has objected claim 15 for a certain informality. Claim 15 has now been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejection. The specification has been amended accordingly.

Double Patenting

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1, 4 and 10 of U.S. Pat. No. 5,652,043, since the claims, if allowed, would improperly extend the "right to exclude" already granted in the patent. The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

While continuing to traverse the Examiner's rejections, Applicant has, in order to expedite the prosecution, chosen to file a terminal disclaimer which overcomes the Examiner's rejections.

A terminal disclaimer is enclosed herewith.

In view of the above remarks it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-30 are now in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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